

## Endangered Species Conservation/Recovery Project

**LOCATION:** Projects are located at various sites within the Colorado River Basin in Arizona, southern California, and southern Nevada.

**DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** This program provides for the development and implementation of projects for the preservation, conservation, and recovery of endangered, threatened, proposed, and candidate species that are resident or migratory to habitats within the Lower Colorado Region. The principal endangered and proposed species in the Lower Colorado Region program include the razorback sucker, bonytail chub, Colorado squawfish, Yuma clapper rail, bald eagle, and southwestern willow flycatcher. Specific projects include the rearing of endangered fish in isolated coves on Lakes Mohave, Havasu, and Mead; and rehabilitating backwater areas along the lower Colorado River for endangered fish rearing and wetland improvements for several endangered species. Improvements in the status of raptors can be accomplished through nestwatch programs for the bald eagle.

**AUTHORIZATION:** P.L. 93-205, Endangered Species Act of 1973, December 28, 1973, as amended.

**COMPLETION DATA:** Due to the number of candidate species and the potential for additional consultations under the Endangered Species Act, the ultimate completion date for the project cannot be determined.

### SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL DATA

#### Program Financial Data

Activity	FY 2001	FY 2002
Fish and Wildlife Management and Development	\$2,855,092	\$3,244,000
Total Program	\$2,855,092	\$3,244,000
Prior Year Funds	(25,092)	0
Non-Federal	(1,366,000)	(1,622,000)
Enacted	\$1,464,000	\$1,622,000
Underfinancing	(95,000)	0
FY 2001 Rescission (P.L. 106-554)	(3,000)	0
Total Reclamation Allotment	\$1,366,000	\$1,622,000

**COST SHARING:** Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, Nevada Department of Wildlife, National Park Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Arizona Game and Fish Department, Southern Nevada Water Authority, Metropolitan Water District, City of Boulder City, Utah Game and Fish Department, Washington County, Arizona State University, and University of Nevada Las Vegas.

**APPROPRIATION CEILING:** N/A.

**WORK PROPOSED FOR FY 2002:**

**Fish and Wildlife Management and Development** - Begins work on the dredging and reconfiguring of an existing 3-acre pond on the Nature Conservancy's San Pedro River Preserve to allow the rearing of endangered razorback suckers and other imperiled native fishes.

\$60,000

Non-Federal - Various

(30,000)

30,000

Begins work on the development of a recovery plan to bring about the recovery and eventual de-listing of the endangered Pima Pineapple Cactus. Two potential cactus refugia sites will be identified and soil and transplant techniques will be developed.

226,000

Non-Federal - Various

(113,000)

113,000

Continues the construction of additional endangered fish rearing coves on Lakes Mead, Mohave, and Havasu, and additional backwaters along the lower Colorado River.

570,000

Non-Federal - Various

(285,000)

285,000

Continues construction on the major phases of the retrofit of Willow Beach Hatchery.

200,000

Non-Federal - Various

(100,000)

100,000

Continues monitoring of bald eagle population status.

188,000

Non-Federal - Various

(94,000)

94,000

Continues the rearing of endangered razorback suckers in Colorado River Indian Tribes' ponds for stocking in various locations along the Colorado River.

112,000

Non-Federal - Various

(56,000)

56,000

Continues administration and investigation activities associated with endangered species.

888,000

Non-Federal - Various

(444,000)

444,000

Continues participation on the Virgin River Fishes Recovery Team. Lower reaches of the Virgin River will be restored and habitat improved to reduce predation by non-native fishes. Continues construction activities on a fish barrier on the Virgin River.

880,000

Non-Federal - Various

(440,000)

440,000

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Completes monitoring water quality and fish sampling at the Boulder City Wetlands Park.

120,000

Non-Federal - Various

(60,000)

60,000

Subtotal, Fish and Wildlife Management and Development

**\$1,622,000**

**Reclamation Request**

**\$1,622,000**

**SEE APPENDIX FOR:** Status of NEPA Compliance

